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Support for Youth Homeless Demonstration Project

Los Angeles is one of the nation's epicenters for youth homelessness. The 2016 Homeless Count shows approximately 3,540 homeless youth in the Los Angeles Continuum of Care. To better serve this vulnerable population, Los Angeles County, through its Homeless Initiative, has identified strategies focused on serving youth who are experiencing homelessness, with Homeless Initiative strategies A4 (Discharges from Foster Care and Juvenile Probation) and E14 (Enhanced Services for Transition Age Youth). The combination of efforts and continued collaboration among our community partners, LAHSA and County staff, along with the resources this Board has committed, have supported an expanded infrastructure with the successful implementation of the Youth Coordinated Entry System in October 2016.

Now, for the first time, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) specifically targeting homeless youth. The 2016 HUD Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program NOFA makes \$33 million dollars available as competitive funding for Continuums of Care

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across the country. As the lead agency for the Los Angeles Continuum of Care, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) is preparing to submit a collaborative application for the HUD Youth Homeless Demonstration Program NOFA.

If successful, the NOFA could provide a maximum award of up to \$15 million to our region and would require the completion of a coordinated community plan to prevent and end youth homelessness. As the only Continuum in Los Angeles County applying for this grant, LAHSA has demonstrated its commitment to bringing critical resources to the region to further enhance the existing coordinated efforts aimed at preventing and ending youth homelessness.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors support LAHSA's application for the HUD Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program NOFA and the development and implementation of the coordinated community plan to ensure that experiences of youth homelessness in LA County are rare, brief, and non-recurring by providing a five-signature Letter of Support for the funding opportunity.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the Department of Children and Family Services and LAHSA to work together to execute a Memorandum of Understanding by November 22, 2016 to demonstrate the strong commitment and partnership in serving youth, as required by the NOFA guidelines for submission; and
2. Request the Sheriff's Department and encourage each of the following departments: Chief Executive Office, Departments of Public Social Services, Mental Health, Health Services, Public Health, Community and Senior Services, Consumer and Business Affairs, Parks and Recreation,

Library, and Probation, Office of Child Protection, the Public Defender, County Office of Education, Community Development Commission and the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles to each provide a Letter of Support to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority by Tuesday, November 22, 2016 committing to work with LAHSA in the development of a coordinated community response for youth experiencing homelessness and housing instability by participating in the community planning process and Steering Committee, as needed.

S:MR/YHDP Support